

Effect of proposed amendments to Section 207

Subsections 246-100-207(1)(b) and (c) would read:

(b) Unless the person has been previously tested and declines receipt of information, explicitly provide verbal or written information that is culturally, linguistically, developmentally and, medically appropriate to the individual being tested regarding HIV including:

(i) The benefits of learning HIV status and the potential dangers of the disease; and

(ii) A description of ways in which HIV is transmitted and ways in which it can be prevented; and

(iii) The meaning of HIV test results and the importance of obtaining test results; and

(iv) As appropriate, the availability of anonymous HIV testing and the differences between anonymous testing and confidential testing; and

(c) Obtain or ensure explicit verbal or written informed specific-consent of the individual to be tested ((~~separate from other consents~~)) prior to ordering or prescribing an HIV test, unless excepted under provisions in chapter 70.24 RCW and document the consent of the individual being tested;”